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Ice Harbor navigation lock slated for 12-hour closure

BURBANK, Wash. – The navigation lock at Ice Harbor Lock and Dam, located at Snake River mile 9.7, will be closed to all river traffic Tuesday, July 11, from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m., U.S. Army Corps of Engineers navigation officials at the Walla Walla District announced today.

The closure is necessary for workers to perform a technical inspection of cracks at joints in the trunnion arms of the upstream navigation lock gate. Repair of these cracks will be scheduled to take place at a later date, possibly during the March 2007 annual maintenance lock closure, according to district navigation officials.

Ice Harbor's navigation lock on the lower Snake River is part of the federal inland channel system that provides navigation from the mouth of the Columbia River near Astoria, Ore., to port facilities on the rivers in Lewiston-Clarkston. Transporters shipped 17.5 million tons of products through the lower Snake River locks in 2005.

Public Notices and other navigation lock information are available on the Walla Walla District Web site at http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/html/offices/op/t/navdata/default.html.

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